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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The use of P_2O_5 and/or B_2O_3 as a component to improve the refractoriness of inorganic fibres comprising SiO_2 , and CaO and/or MgO is described. The inorganic fibres have a composition such that $SiO_2 + P_2O_5 - (58 + (if\ MgO > 0, 0.5 * (MgO - 10) else 0)) > -2.4$ wt%.